Minimum Support Price operation for Agricultural produce

3539. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation for agricultural produce, Government reimburse online loss incurred by the nodal agencies for MSP operation;

(b) if so, the procurement losses incurred and reimbursed by Government, for commercial crops like Jute, Cotton and Copra, year-wise since 1990-91 to 1998-99;

(c) whether the losses incurred under MSP operations for Jute by the Jute Corporation of India is still pending for reimbursement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the entire losses will be reimbursed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government announces the Minimum Support Price for major agricultural Commodities every year and the losses if any, incurred by the respective central nodal agencies on MSP operation are reimbursed by the Government of India on submission of claims.

(b) to (d) The information is being compiled in consultation with concerned Ministries and Organisations and shall be submitted accordingly.

Training in Hindi Typing

†3540. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such typists and stenographers in his Ministry/ Department and subordinate offices who have not received training of Hindi typing or Hindi stenography until now; and

(b) the reasons for not providing them training as yet and by when they are planned to be given such training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The number of such typists and stenographers in the Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation and its Subordinate offices who have not received training of Hindi Typing or Hindi Stenography is 87 and 175 respectively.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.